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  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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  - Background of the Invention
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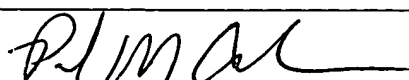
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PATENT APPLICATION

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101 690 201 380		Utility filing fee	690.00
106 310 206 155		Design filing fee	
107 480 207 240		Plant filing fee	
108 760 208 380		Reissue filing fee	
114 150 214 75		Provisional filing fee	

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### 2. CLAIMS

Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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103 18 203 9		Claims in excess of 20	
102 78 202 39		Independent claims in excess of 3	
104 260 204 130		Multiple dependent claim	
109 78 209 39		Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110 18 210 9		Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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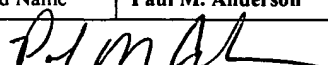
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105 130 205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50 227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130 139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520 147 2,520		For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920* 112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840* 113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110 215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 380 216 190		Extension for reply within second month	
117 870 217 435		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,360 218 680		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,850 228 925		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 300 219 150		Notice of Appeal	
120 300 220 150		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 260 221 130		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510 138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110 240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,210 241 605		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,210 242 605		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 430 243 215		Design issue fee	
144 580 244 290		Plant issue fee	
122 130 122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50 123 50		Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240 126 240		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40 581 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146 760 246 380		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149 760 249 380		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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